

104th ANNUAL MEETING

BENT - PROWERS

CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1973

LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO

BENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MINUTES - Bill Wootten?

The 104th Annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was called to order at 1:30 P.M. in the court room of the Bent County Courthouse by the President, Lewis Mathews.

President Mathews introduced Mrs. Cathy Wootten, President, Southeast Colorado Cowbelle who gave a report on Cowbelle activities during the past year.

President Mathews then introduced Mrs. Shoemaker and Mrs. Davis, State Cowbelle Officers. Cowbelle members and their guests then left for their business meeting.

Other guests recognized at this time were Bob Crook, editor of CATTLE GUARD; Larry Austin, CCA Executive Secretary; and State Representative Forrest Burns of Lamar.

President Mathews then called on Larry Austin to give a CCA Legislative report. Larry commented on five tax bills, two Parks bills, a stable licensing bill, a land use bill, labor bill and several other bills in the state legislature pertaining to, or of interest to cattlemen. Following his report Larry answered questions from the floor.

Mr. Doyle Davidson representing the LaJunta Chamber of Commerce presented an invitation to the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association to hold the 1974 annual meeting in LaJunta.

The president then called for the secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting and give a treasurers report. These reports were read and accepted as read.

Membership Chairman, Dr. Jim McMillan then gave a report of membership for the preceeding year and recognized Bent-Prowers lifetime members present. Dr. McMillan presented a motion as follows:

Starting with the 1974 dues, motion to increase Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association dues to \$10.00 annually. Motion was seconded by Joe Hasser and was carried unanimously.

Representative Forrest Burns spoke briefly on legislative action in the state legislature.

Following Rep. Burns report, President Mathews called on Kim Clark who gave the annual report on activities in the Bent-Prowers Junior Cattlemens Association. Kim reported that the Junior Assn. was in need of nine heifers to use for calf chain. John Smartt had donated 2 by letter. Other members contributing calves from the floor were: Kenneth Clark, Davidson Ranches, D.A. Watkins, Raymond McMillan, Bill Wootten, and one other name not recorded. Kim also reported that approximately 150 heifer calves had been given away since the calf chain had been in operation.

Bill Wootten, chairman of the resolutions committee was then called upon to give his committee report. Bill read each resolution in order and moved for passage. Resolutions were as follows:

#1 Pertaining to predator control--2nd by John Givan.
Resolution adopted.

#2 Pertaining to Bent-Prowers representation on CCA Board of Control--2nd by Jim McMillan. Resolution adopted.

#3 Pertaining to Scabies control--2nd by Joe Oswald.
Resolution adopted.

#4 Pertaining to cattle theft--2nd by Eddie Dunlap.
Resolution adopted.

#5 Pertaining to irrigation and ground water management--
2nd by William E. Rose. Resolution adopted.

#6 Opposing U.S. involvement in rebuilding of North Vietnam--
2nd by Joe Autrey. Resolution adopted.

#7 Pertaining to brucellosis vaccination--2nd by Neil
Davidson. Resolution adopted.

#8 Pertaining to County Tax Assessors--2nd by William E.
Rose. Resolution adopted.

#9 Pertaining to replacement of Director of Colorado Game,
Fish and Parks Department. Resolution tabled.

#10 Supporting Farm Bureau policy on water management--2nd
by Eddie Dunlap. Resolution adopted.

#11 Expressing appreciation to Las Animas for annual
preparations--2nd by Joe Autrey. Resolution adopted.

#12 Citing services of ANCA, CCA and Bent-Prowers Officers
and directors for services during past year--Resolution
applauded.

#13 Noting with regret the passing of several life and other
dedicated members during past year.

#14 Pertaining to State aid to school Districts--2nd by
Clyde McEndree. Resolution adopted.

Following reading of the resolution there was considerable discussion
on Resolution # 9. It was finally moved by Eddie Dunlap to table the
resolution. The motion was seconded and vote was taken by show of
hands. The vote was to table the Resolution.

Dr. Jim McMillan, representing the nominations committee, placed
the following in nomination: President--Joe Hasser, 1st Vice-President--
H.H. Mendenhall, 2nd Vice President--William R. Wootten, Secretary-
Treasurer--Mrs. Lorraine Schleining. The following are directors nominated;

Lewis Mathews Springfield, D.J. Schleining, Wiley, Narvey Larrew, Eads, William F. Dawson, Chivington, Dr. Jim McMillan, Lamar, Eddie Dunlap, Eads, William E. Rose, Eads, Clyde McEndree, Springfield, Pat Cline, Holly, Cliff Hart, Holly, Dan Sniff, Lamar, D.J. Ellenberger, Lamar, John Givan, Arlington, Harold D. Wallace, La Junta, J.D. Bloodworth, Rocky Ford, Ed Dean, Las Animas, A.P. Brown, Las Animas, Calvin Thompson, Walsh, Bob Fritz, Two Buttes, Don Hutchinson, Las Animas.

All nominations were elected as recommended.

There was some further discussion of dues and discussion of the salary to be paid to the Bent-Prowers secretary. Dr. McMillan explained the dues structure in some detail.

A motion was made by Clyde McEndree to accept the invitation by the La Junta Chamber of Commerce to have the next annual meeting in La Junta. Seconded by Jim McMillan. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Hasser. Second by Eddie Dunlap. Motion carried.

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- I. WHEREAS, The coyotes have been on the increase, it is the long-range custom, and a must to kill 80% each year to keep coyotes under control. THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association feels that the ban on poisons for control of predatory mammals should be lifted.
THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association urges its members to allow no hunting on lands they have under control, except on water.
THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association take this opportunity to thank the Department of Agriculture under Clinton Jeffers and the Department of Agriculture Commission for taking over the control of predatory animals; and,
THEREFORE, inasmuch as the control of predatory animals has been assigned to the Department of Agriculture, we urge the legislature to appropriate sufficient funds to cover the expense of same.
- II. WHEREAS, Colorado Cattlemen's Association has been recognized as the largest member contributor to American National Cattlemen's Association, and, WHEREAS CCA has been rewarded an extra seat on the ANCA Board of Directors as a result of this, WE the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association offer our congratulations; FURTHER, since ANCA has set the precedent, WE respectfully request that CCA award Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association one permanent seat on the CCA Board of Control in recognition of the fact the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association is the largest contributor of members to CCA and has remained consistently so for many years; FURTHER recognizing the fact that our association represents an area different in topography and climate from much of the area defined as the SouthEast quarter, and that to have proper representation for our livestock members we should have permanent representation on the CCA Board of Control by one of our members who resides in the area. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the membership of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association petition Colorado Cattlemen's Association for one permanent seat on the CCA Board of Control.
- III. WHEREAS, Southeast Colorado lies against adjoining states with the infection of scabies;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association recommends to CCA and the Colorado Agricultural Commission that all cattle originating in areas quarantined for scabies be dipped in toxophene or hot lime-sulfur dip at the point of origin, OR, these cattle shall be allowed to enter the state of Colorado upon permit by the Colorado State Veterinarian, and shall be dipped upon arrival at a dipping vat certified by the Colorado Agricultural Commission and under inspection by a federally accredited Colorado licensed veterinarian. Control procedures to be adopted by the Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture and the Colorado State Veterinarian, to include procedures for disinfection of vehicles hauling cattle to be dipped on arrival.
EXCEPTION: Cattle consigned directly for slaughter shall be excluded and trucks hauling these cattle shall be disinfected.

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- IV. WHEREAS, cattle theft is on the increase involving crossing state lines and WHEREAS this adds to the cost of beef production for the produce;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association recognize that federal legislation be past making it illegal to transport cattle across state lines without the proper identification and proper documents from the State of origin.
FURTHER, copies of this resolution be sent to the CCA, ANCA, Representative Frank Evans, Senators Peter Dominick and Floyd Haskell and other appropriate parties.
- V. WHEREAS, there is a need for more knowledge in improving irrigation and water resources management; and WHEREAS, there is a proposal to hire and extension irrigation engineer.
THEREFORE, be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association support this proposal if we can be assured that all five of our counties will be able to use this technical service.
- VI. WHEREAS, Senator Proxmire who is a liberal Democrat, and Senator Goldwater, who is a conservative Republican, both oppose United States involvement in the rebuilding of North Vietnam; and
WHEREAS, in the past it has been the policy of the United States to rebuild nations that have fully surrendered and North Vietnam did not surrender; and
WHEREAS, Red China and Russia helped North Vietnam in their war effort
THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association opposes the spending of United State monies rebuilding North Vietnam.
- VII. WHEREAS, we are concerned about the control and eradication of brucellosis and the use of Strain 19 vaccine in its control and recognize there is an increased interstate movement of cattle and other animals; and
WHEREAS, we are convinced that continued use of vaccination for successful control of the disease is necessary; and
WHEREAS, cattlemen encounter problems in vaccinating calves in the proposed 3-6 month period and recognize the hazards to the industry of a zero titer tolerance test; and
WHEREAS, we feel we should discourage and penalize the practice of overage vaccination,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urge continued use of vaccination with Strain 19 vaccine up to the age of tenmonths; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, vaccinates under 24 months of age not be tested and be allowed free interstate movement; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a titer tolerance in tests be permitted as at present.

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- VIII. WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1148, which would give the general supervision to the Colorado Property Tax Administrator over all County Assessors, Borads of County Commissioners, County Boards of Equilization, and other county officials relative to the assessments and levying of taxes with penalty for noncompliance;
WHEREAS, this would be another step in centralizing State Government, Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association would strongly oppose this bill.
- IX. ~~WHEREAS, we involved in the livestock industry do not feel that we are treated with the respect due the landowners in the areas of public hunting; and~~
~~WHEREAS, we feel that the main cause of misunderstandings are due to the indifference of the Game and Fish Department; and~~
~~WHEREAS, we feel that Mr. Harry Woodward by his recent actions does not follow the rules set forth by the Game and Fish Commission;~~
~~THEREFORE, we recommend that Mr. Harry Woodward be replaced by a person who is willing to work with the people in our organization.~~ *Tabled*
- X. WHEREAS, the Farm Bureau has drafted the policy concerning water management in which it calls for basin by basin water management with elected administration and policies controlled by the owners of water rights in said basin; and
WHEREAS, this seems feasible and equitable, Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association would like to give its full support to Farm Bureau on this policy.
- XI. THE BENT-PROWERS Cattle and Horse Growers Association expresses its deep appreciation to Charley Clark, The Bent County Democrat; Chamber of Commerce and President Jerry Bryant; Mrs. Gladys Nelson and St. Mary's School for the dinner; The Bent County Commissioners for the use of the Court House; and all area truckers for the punch bowl.
- XII. WE CITE the service of President John Benton, executive vice president Dave Rice, and the directors and Board of Control of the CCA and their staff, the officers and staff of the American National Cattlemen's Association, and our own retiring officers and Board members, specifically President Lew Mathews, as having a favorable effect on our industry the past year.
- XIII. WE WISH TO NOTE with regret the passing of several dedicated members and life members and express our sympathy to their families: Floyd Sniff, Polly Dillon, Leland Cook, S. W. Neil, Jim McGlothlin, Ed Rienert, Everett Marshall, ~~Ezra Thaxton~~, and Don Collins.

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- XIV. WHEREAS, Several school districts in the state would not receive additional state aid from current bills introduced;
THEREFORE, Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association would support legislation to base state aid on adjusted gross income instead of the present assessed evaluation.

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